

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING
MINUTES

October 1, 2008

7:30 P.M.

Room 206, Town Hall

Chairman Hillman called the meeting to order at 7:35 P.M. Commission Members Present: Peter Hillman, Michael Tone Craig Flaherty, Rick Rohr, Pete Kenyon and Ellen Kirby.

Staff Present: Richard Jacobson

Court Reporter: Bonnie Syat

Mr. Hillman read the first agenda item:

EPC-31-2008, Katherine Michele, 19 Stephanie Lane, proposing demolition of existing residence, construction of new dwelling and pool, and related site development within an upland review area. The site is shown on Assessor's Map #8 as Lot #67. (hearing closed September 3)

The Commission reviewed the draft resolution and the comments from Mr. Rohr and made changes.

Mr. Kenyon made a motion to deny the application and adopt the draft resolution as modified. Mr. Flaherty seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Hillman read the next agenda item:

EPC-32-2008, Ellen McCue, 17 Top'O Hill Road, requesting after the fact approval to complete filling and stone wall construction within an upland review area. The site is shown on Assessor's Map # 29 Lot #87. (hearing closed September 19).

The Commission discussed the draft resolution.

Mr. Tone said the comments from the public were addressed by the close of the public hearing.

Mr. Hillman made a motion to approve the application. Mr. Tone seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Hillman read the next agenda item

EPC-50-2008, Jenny and Mike Doyle, 95 Mansfield Avenue, proposing to replace retaining wall within an upland review area. The site is shown on Assessor's Map #17 as Lot #28.

This item was continued to October 22.

Mr. Hillman read the next agenda item.

EPC-56-2008, Sharathchandra Pankanti, 2 Harriet Lane, proposing fence construction within an upland review area. The site is shown on Assessor's Map #36 as Lot #21.

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Mr. Pankanti represented himself.

Mr. Hillman asked if the fence would leave room underneath for wildlife. He asked if the work would be done by hand and the fence material would not have harmful chemicals. Mr. Penchant agreed.

Mr. Flaherty made a motion to approve the application. Mr. Kenyon seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Hillman read the next agenda item.

EPC-18-2003, Michelle Sullivan, 104 Pembroke Road, request from Geiger's Landscape Architects to amend permit to include a boulder retaining wall to extend existing wall.

Eric Sweet, Geiger's Nursery, represented the applicant. He said they would like to continue the wall with a boulder wall to the front property line.

Mr. Hillman asked if they are proposing any tree removal. Mr. Sweet said not for the wall. He said they would like to remove two birch trees leaning into the road right of way.

Mr. Kenyon asked if the wall would be dry laid. Mr. Sweet said yes. Mr. Kenyon asked if it could be moved farther from the stream. Mr. Sweet said yes. Mr. Flaherty said he agreed it should be moved an additional ten feet from the brook.

The Commission requested additional plantings and two additional trees somewhere in the upland review area if the Town trees are removed with the permission of the tree warden.

Mr. Kenyon made a motion to approve with the stipulations of moving the wall 10 feet and additional plantings. Mr. Rohr seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Hillman read the public hearing item.

EPC-48-2008, Hallie and James Palen, 45 Brookside Road, proposing grading, terrace, and walls within an upland review area. The site is shown on Assessor's Map #15 as Lot #17.

Matt Popp, Environmental Land Solutions, represented the applicant. He said they submitted additional information as requested and reviewed the new materials. He said they would like to extend a deck walkway to the driveway. This is not shown on the plans. He said the patio will be pervious material. They are proposing to restore the wall along the Goodwives River. They will replant and re-seed with native plants. He said the shrubs in the easement area have survived but the meadow vegetation did not.

Mr. Hillman reviewed the regulated activities and asked Commission members for their concerns.

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Mr. Flaherty asked that they confirm the flood elevations. He said there is a potential benefit for a less steep lawn.

Mr. Hillman asked if the patio would be pervious material. Mr. Popp said yes. Mr. Hillman asked if there were any trees to be removed. Mr. Popp said one tree next to the driveway. Mr. Hillman requested additional trees be planted to replace the tree to be removed.

The Commission was in favor of repairing the existing wall along the river. Mr. Flaherty was concerned about the placement of stone along the river. Mr. Popp said they would consult an engineer.

There was no one from the public who wished to speak.

Mr. Hillman made a motion to close the public hearing. Mr. Kenyon seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Commission proceeded to deliberate.

The replanting plan for the conservation easement area will be reviewed by staff. Three native trees will be added to replace the tree removed.

The deck around the house to the driveway is acceptable.

The flood elevation will be confirmed and there will be no work or fill riverward of that line.

The proposed stone to be placed along the river will not be included in the approval. The applicant may submit an amendment or new application with an engineer's plan.

Mr. Hillman made a motion to approve the minutes of May 28. Ms. Kirby seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Hillman made a motion to approve the minutes of June 4. Mr. Rohr seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Hillman made a motion to approve the minutes of June 18. Ms. Kirby seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Tone made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Rohr seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard B. Jacobson
Environmental Protection Officer